

MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “Sexual Assault in the Military: Are We Making Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; and Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology and Architecture and Systems; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Isiello, Co-Chairman; and BG Sharon K.G. Dunbar, USAF, both with the Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Service; Kaye Whitely, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Office of the Secretary; and Gail McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary (Plans); and a public witness.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2701, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments made in order are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 2701, it

shall be in order to consider in the House S. 1494. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2701 as passed by the House. All points of order against that motion are waived. If the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1494 and request a conference with the Senate.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this authority. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representatives Hastings (FL), Kucinich, Walz, Thornberry, Inglis, and Kirk.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2011 Research and Development Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on How Can NIST Better Serve the Needs of the Biomedical Research Community in the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIRCRAFT ICING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aircraft Icing. Testimony was heard from John Hickey, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MEDICATIONS AND VETERAN SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing Exploring the Relationship between Medication and Veteran Suicide. Testimony was heard from Ira Katz,